

HOUSE RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION commending Russell Bauman Brecheen, Jr.,
upon his receipt of the 2008 Iron Eyes Cody
Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Russell Bauman Brecheen, Jr., of Nashville, who is the recipient of Keep America Beautiful's 2008 Iron Eyes Cody Award; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as chair of the Metro Beautification and Environment Commission (MBEC) for Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, Mr. Brecheen was selected for the award for having demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting Keep America Beautiful's mission of engaging individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments; and

WHEREAS, retired since 1997, after serving thirty-five years as a sales executive, Russell Brecheen has been a powerful force for raising environmental consciousness in the Nashville community, establishing a number of community improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brecheen's efforts include the formation of a partnership with the WalMart Neighborhood Market in his district, the creation of a 24/7 recycling drop-off site with proceeds from the recyclables being donated to the Nashville Alliance for Public Schools, and the establishment of Hazardous Waste and Education Collection Day Seven Mile Creek Cleanup, Dell Computer Recycling Sign Off Day, and The Great American Cleanup; and

WHEREAS, making it his personal mission to help clean Nashville, Mr. Brecheen can regularly be found cleaning the streets and parks himself in addition to teaching school children

about recycling or speaking to local businesses, churches, and neighborhood associations about the environment and ways they can help; and

WHEREAS, appointed to represent the 27th Council District on the Metropolitan Beautification and Environment Commission in 2003, Russell Brecheen is a Nashville native and proudly served as a member of the United States Army from 1953-57; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brecheen enjoys the loving support of his beloved wife of forty-three years, Ruby, whom he met at a popular local barbecue restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brecheen has worked assiduously to serve his community, and he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Russell Bauman Brecheen, Jr., for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Mr. Russell Bauman Brecheen, Jr., for his tremendous leadership in environmental community improvement efforts in Davidson County, congratulate him upon receiving Keep America Beautiful's 2008 Iron Eyes Cody Award, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.